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and the Value of Visual Language

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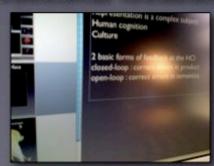
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visual / aural

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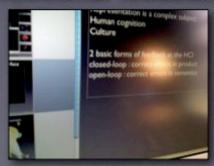
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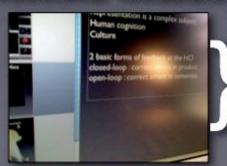
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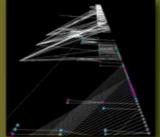
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Force Feedback









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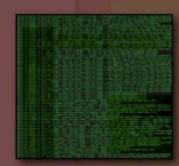
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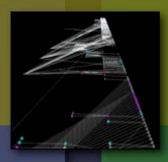
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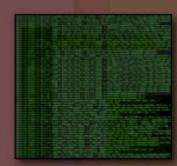
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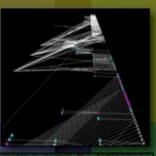




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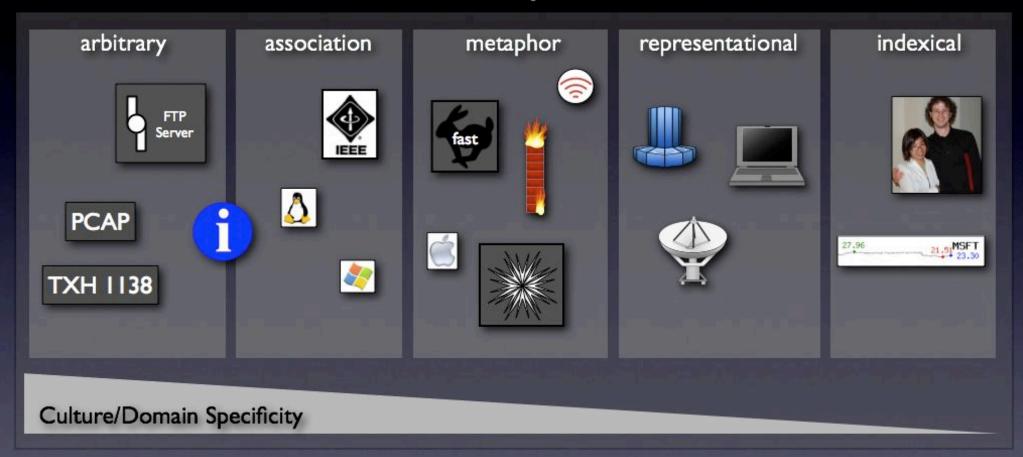


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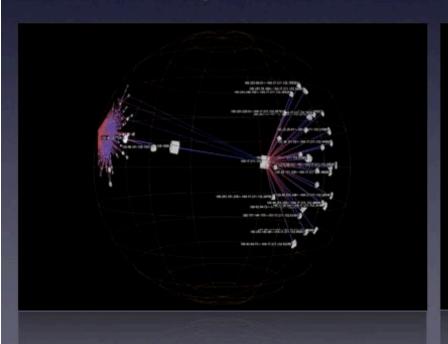
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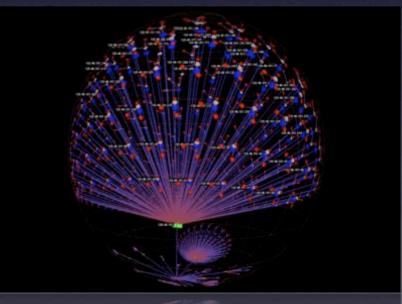
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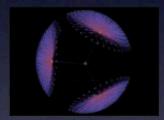
Flow in hyperbolic space

- 3 month SSC project in 2002
- discover and apply network visualization tools
- Hyperviewer: quasi-hierarchical hyperbolic space
- 'fish-eye' 3-d
- Created by Stanford researcher Tamara Munzner

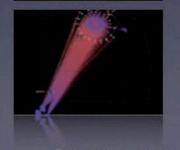






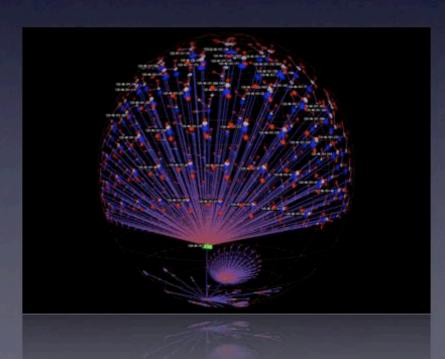




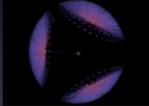


Flow in hyperbolic space

- Easily adapted to a forced-hierarchy view of flow
- Opensource C++ library and Ul
- Experimented with visual methods
 - colors
 - graph cycles
 - scaling
 - text labels
 - o graph size
 - search automation

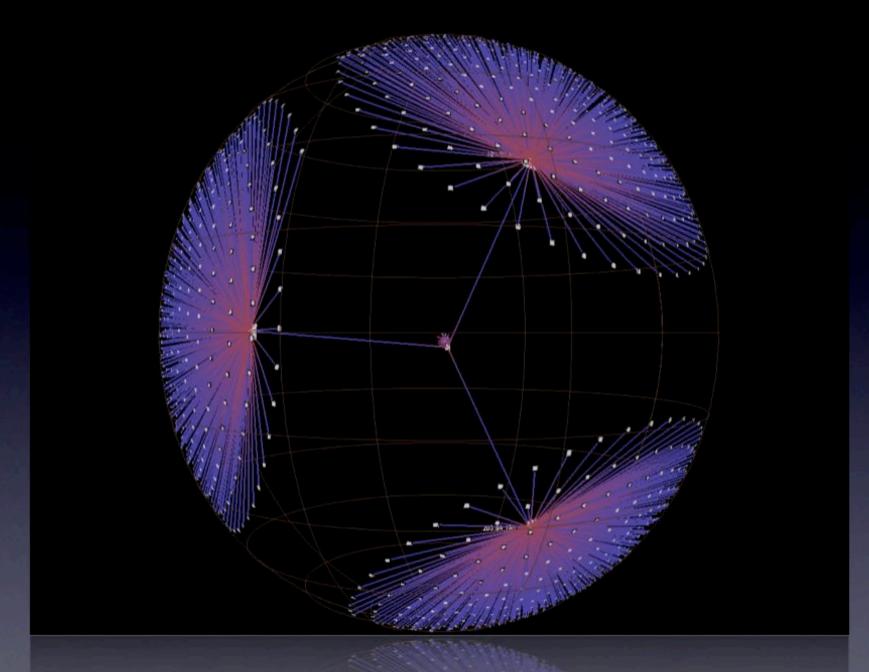




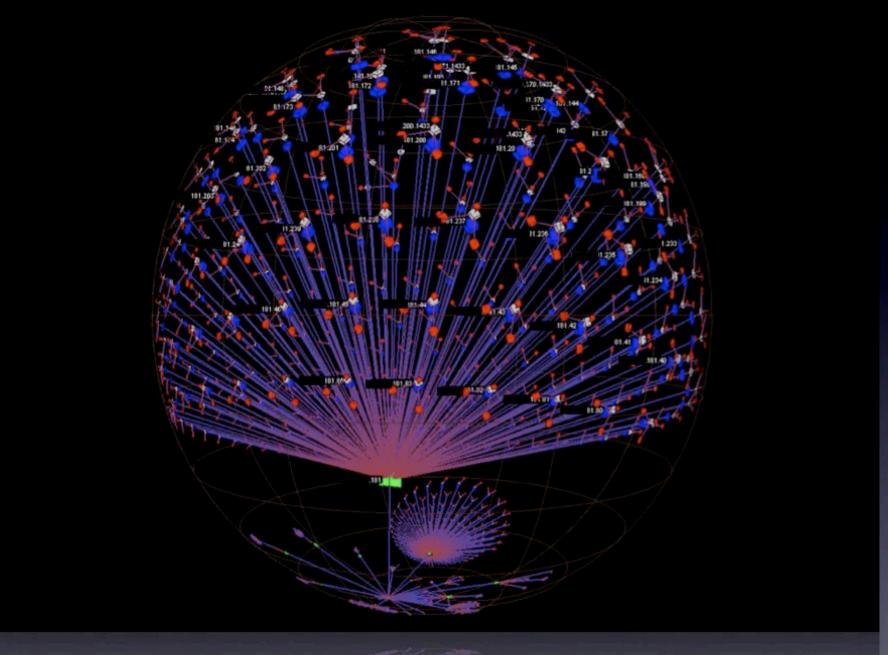




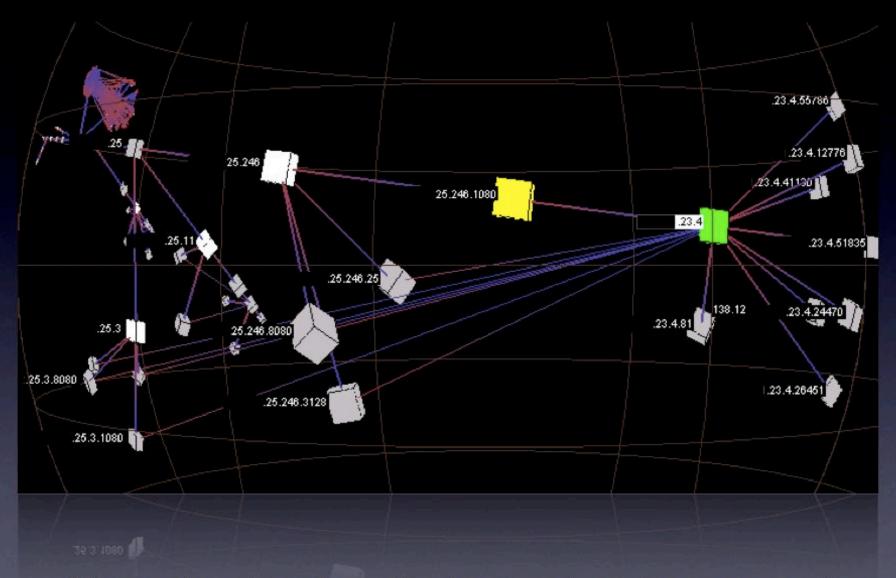




Symmetry in port access from 3 separate clients.



src/dst ports colored red/blue



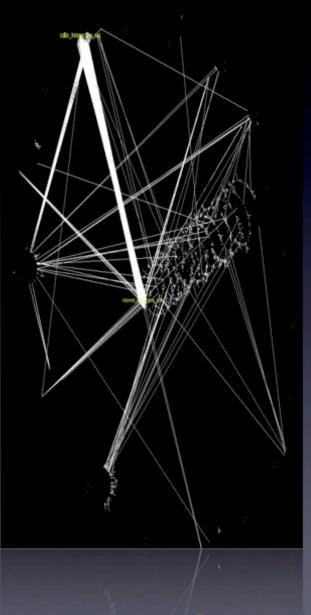
Hierarchy showing client subnet and server ports

Shapes Vector

- Acquired by DARPA in 2002
- Developed by Australian DSTO
 (Defence Science Technology Organisation)
- JTF-GNO pilot program from 2003-2006

What is it?

- Intelligent Agents gather information and produce inferences
- Gathers information from multiple sources
 - pcap, flow, Snort, syslog, etc
- IAs performs automated data correlation & knowledge extraction
- Integrates visual and command-line analysis
- Integrated visualization makes use of human vision
- Supports visual analysis and decision-making



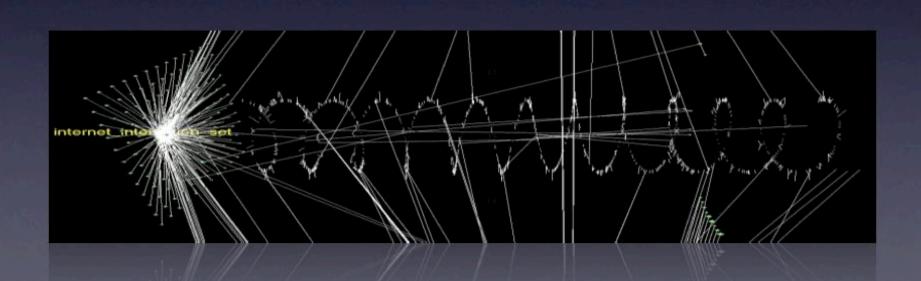
Shapes Vector

Contextual spatial, temporal, social, topological

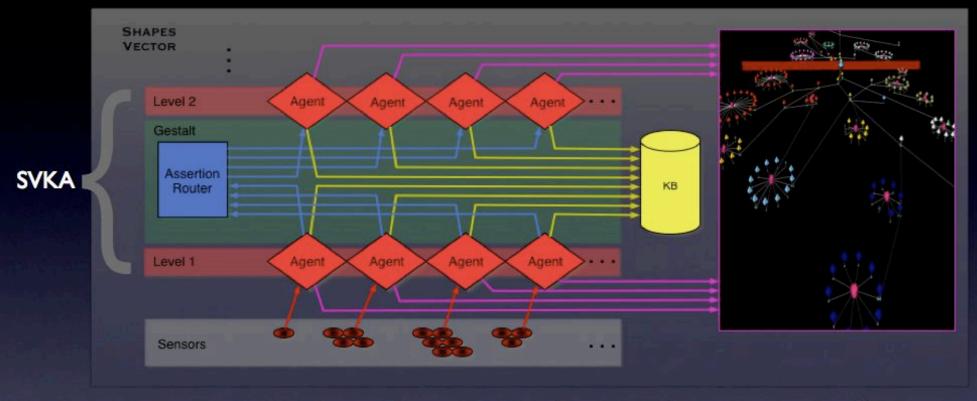
Spatial physical geography or metaphor

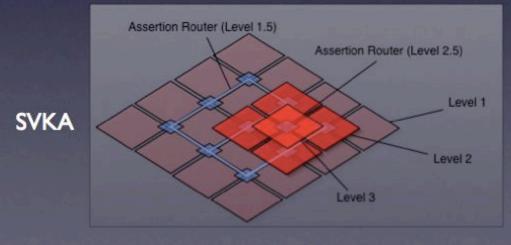
Temporal sequences in time, correlated

Visual use visual language to depict objects & events



Architecture





- Agents can be written in many languages must conform to the SV ontology and knowledge architecture (SVKA) specification
- Sensors can be built to wrap many information sources - must produce SV ontology
- SV ontology is a knowledge description language for network defense

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- Easily defined visual mappings
- No applied theory of visual language



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shape/color/scale

texture/icon

connection / topology

movement

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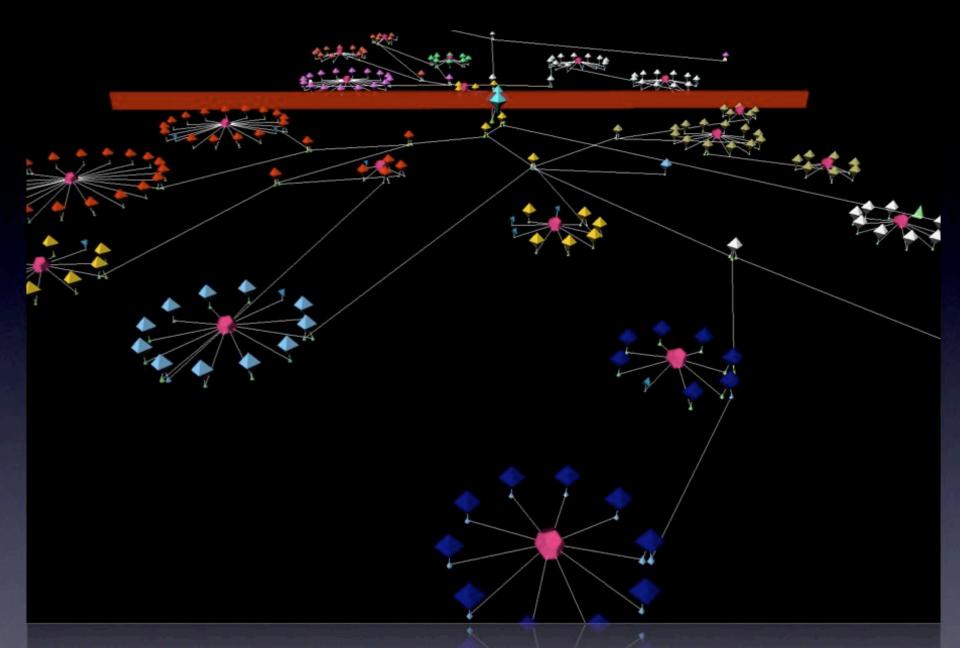


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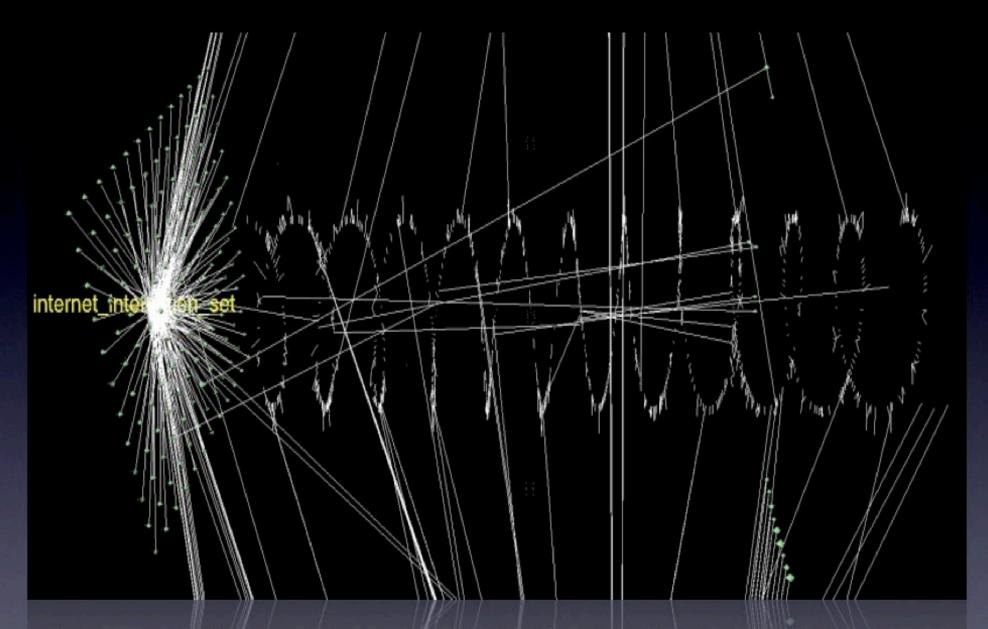


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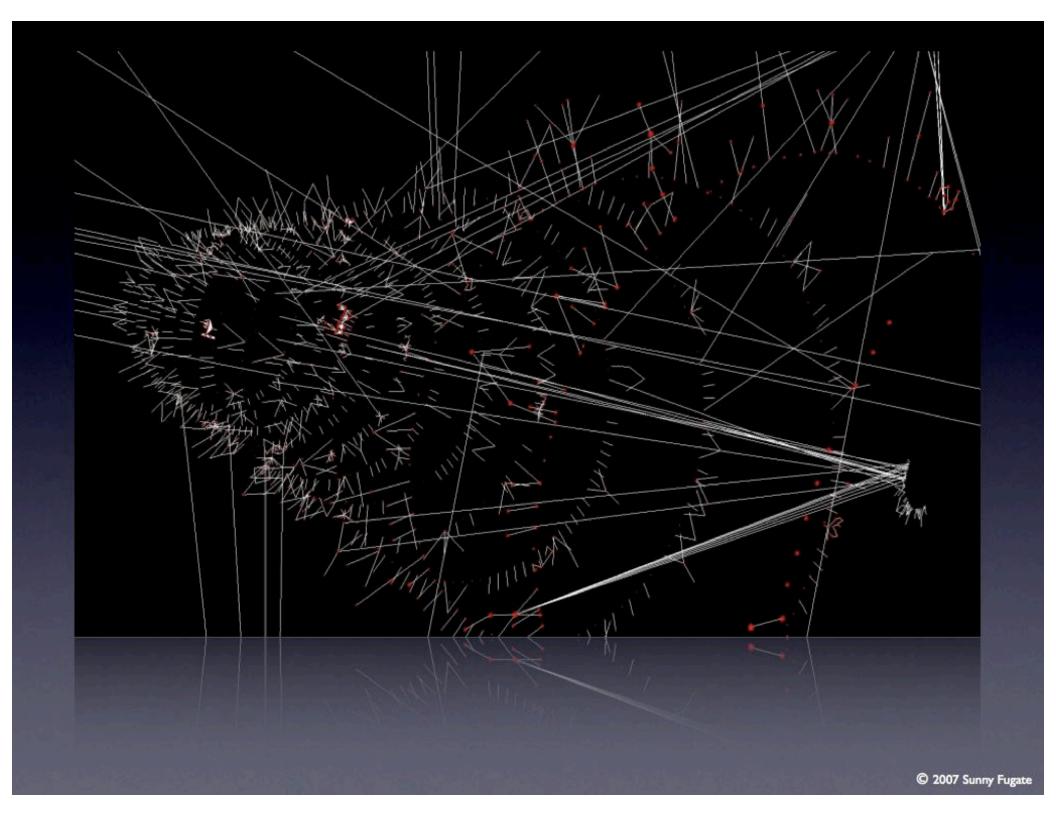


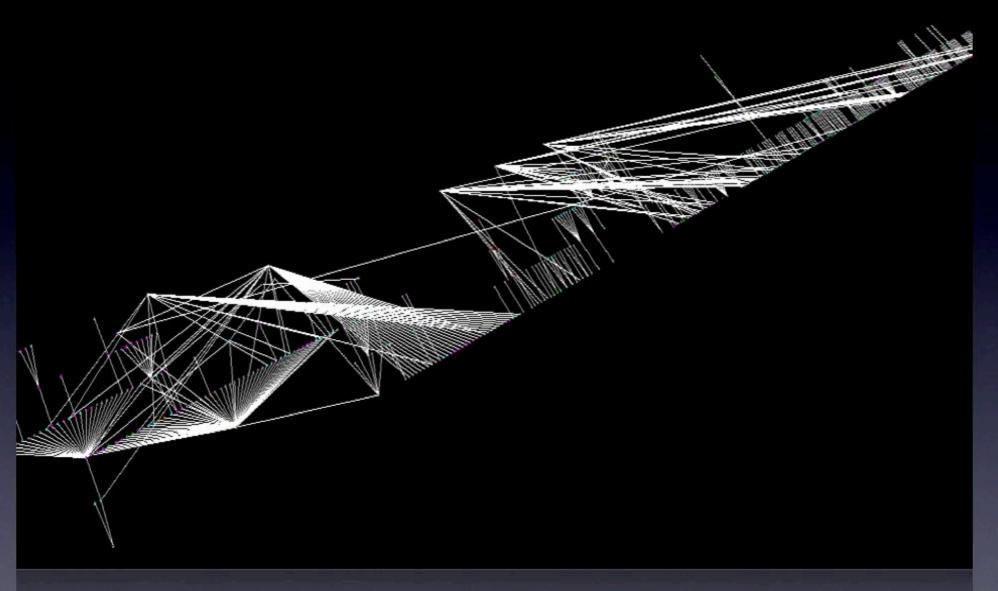


Toplogical layout using visual demarcations (e.g. firewall, network segment, physical layout)

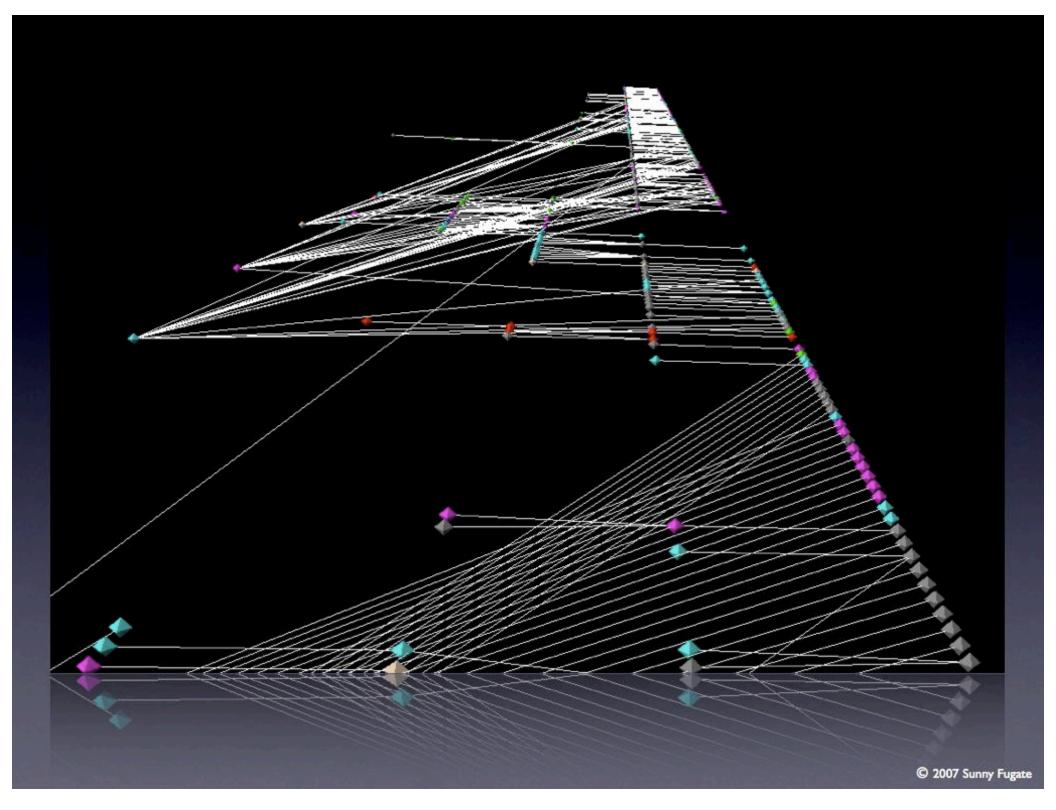


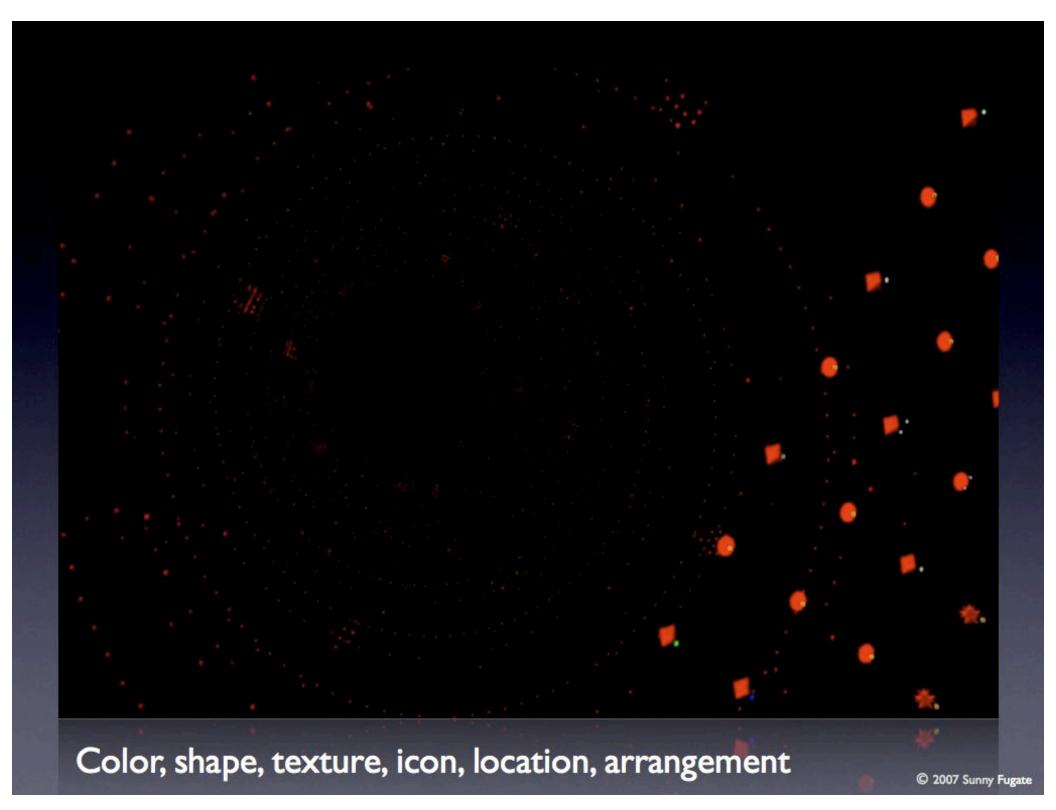
Automated layout to arrange hundreds of sub-graphs in a non-overlapping manner.

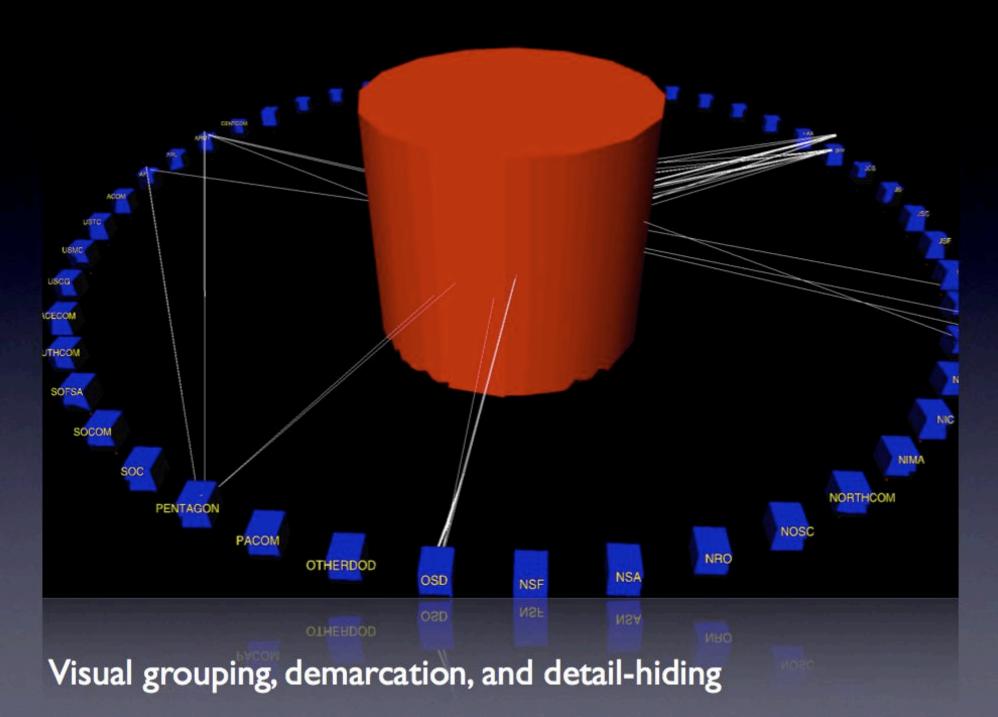


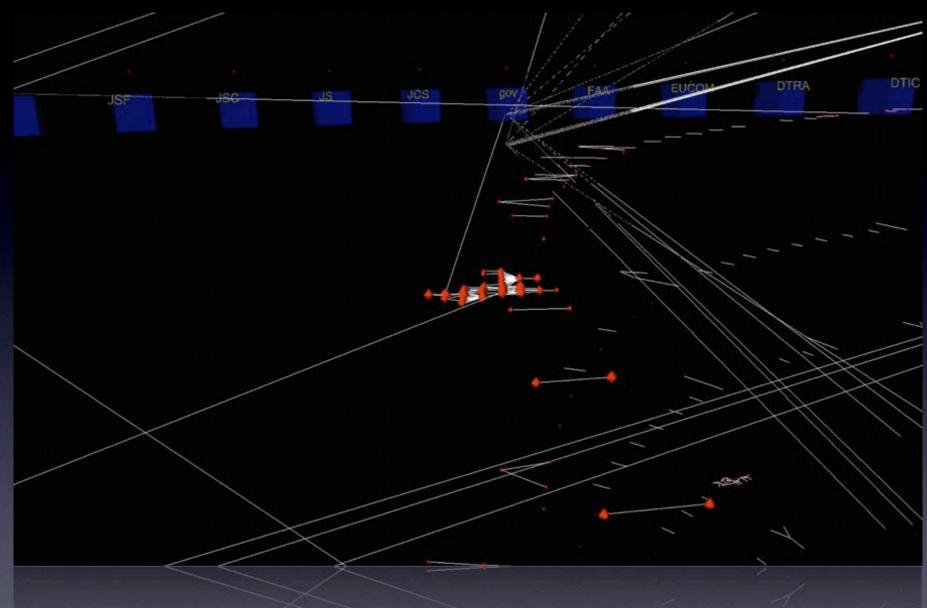


Topological layout discovered using hints in the data (e.g. TTL)









Expansive vantage points for network analysis

Shapes Vector Flow Viewer

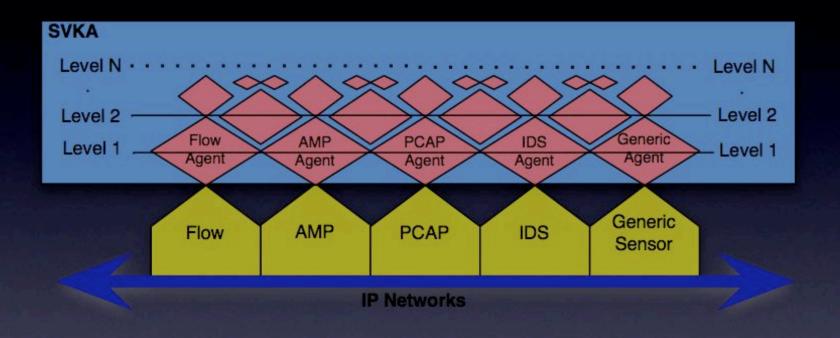
- JTF-GNO funded effort to implement SV
 - Use SV architecture and components
 - DARPA demo system > operational system
 - New scripts, sensors, agents, and GUI
- Results
 - A visual augmentation of CLI
 - Produces a view of social topology
 - Intuitive view of gobs of data
 - static topology and event replay
 - Links statistical views and topology view

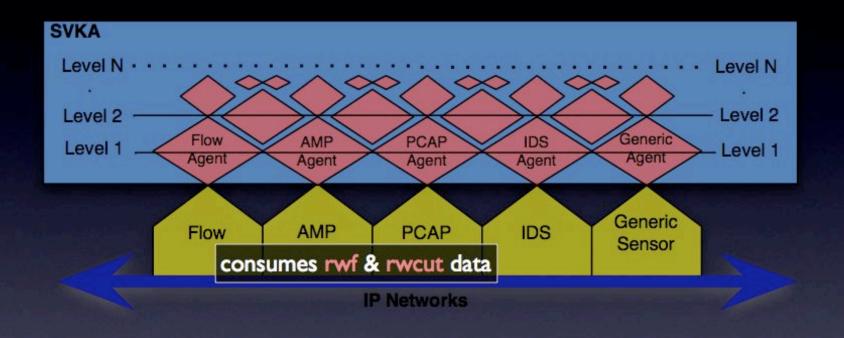
Flow Viewer GUI

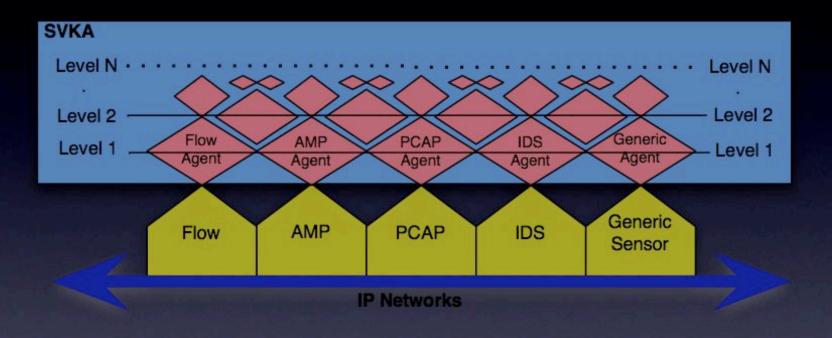
- multiple stats views linked to visuals
- playback specific ranges & loop
- adjust replay velocity
- time-skip
- IP and attribute hotlists
- dynamic filtering controls
 - GUI managed rwfilter
 - filter using SV ontology
- integration between flow, AMP, IDS, & PCAP



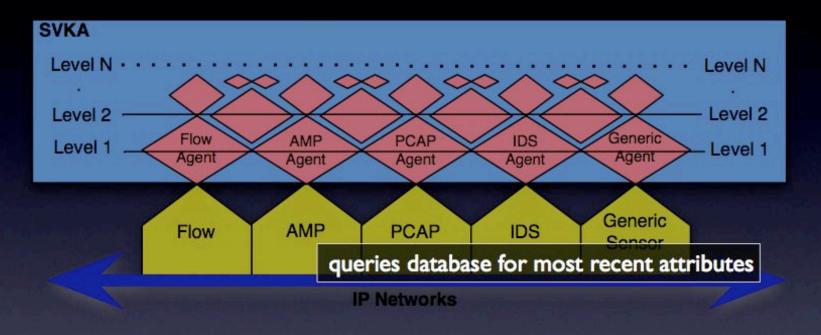
Flow Viewer Sensors



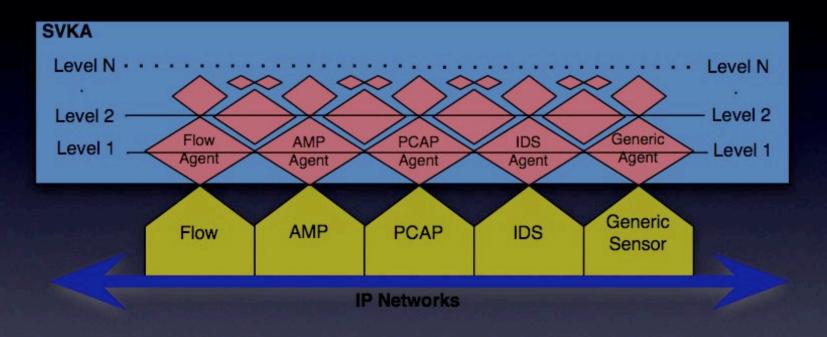




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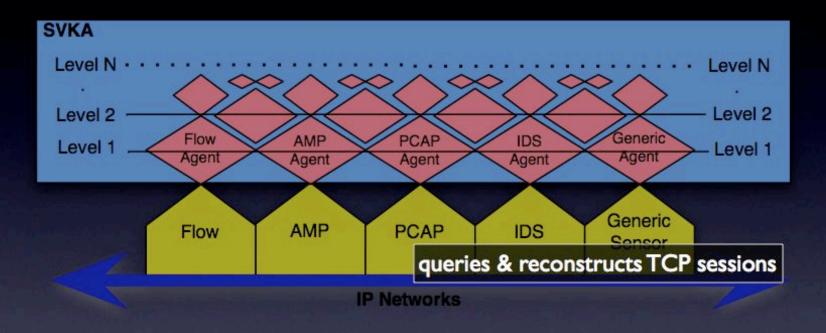


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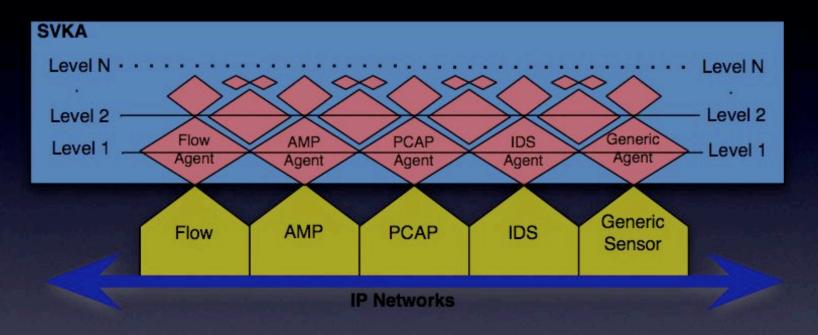
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AMP Agent | queries database for most recent attributes



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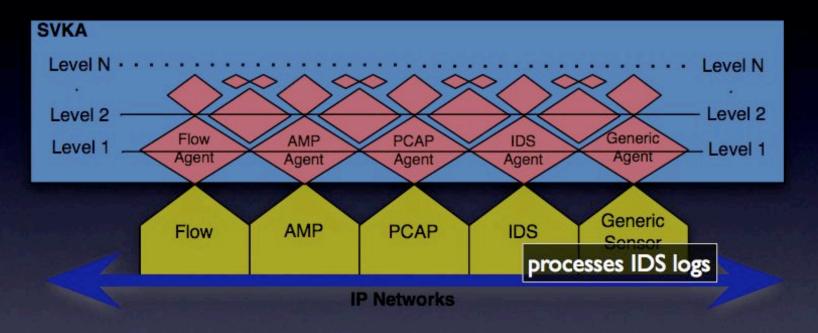
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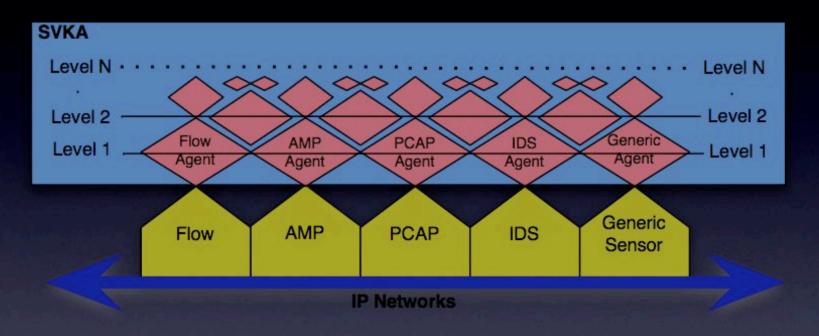
PCAP Agents | queries & reconstructs TCP sessions |



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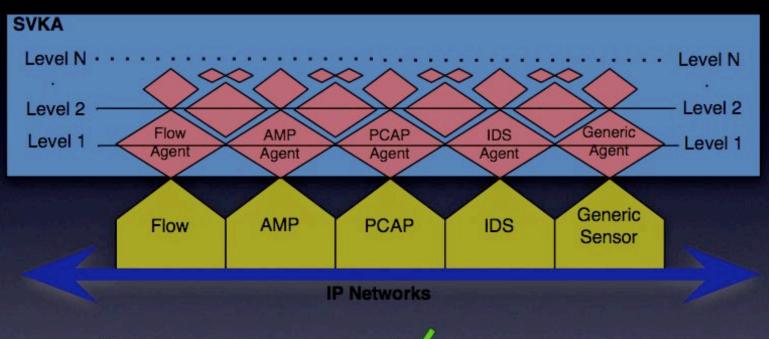


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AMP Agent queries database for most recent attributes

PCAP Agents queries & reconstructs TCP sessions

IDS Agents processes IDS logs





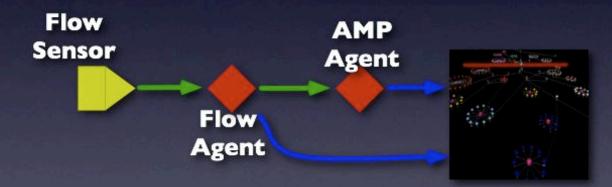
Flow Viewer Intelligent Agents

Flow Sensor

- Converts flow into ontology
- produces facts

AMP Agent

- uses correlations from Flow Agent
- query made on every unique IP seen
- produces visual events



Flow Agent

- correlates records
- counts and corroborates
- oproduces inferences
- produces visual events

Flow Viewer Visual Language

Leverage cultural knowledge





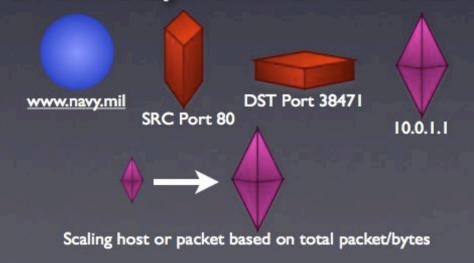






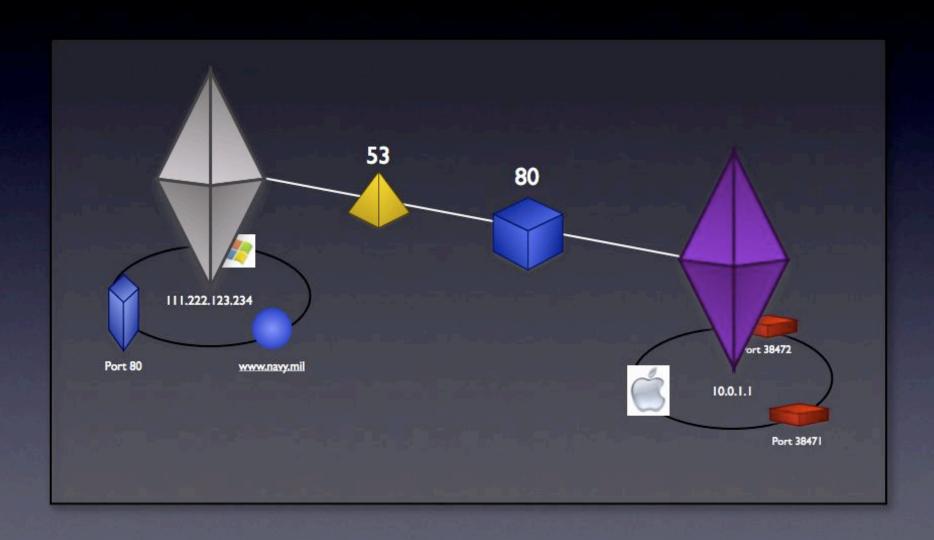


Use metaphors for abstract

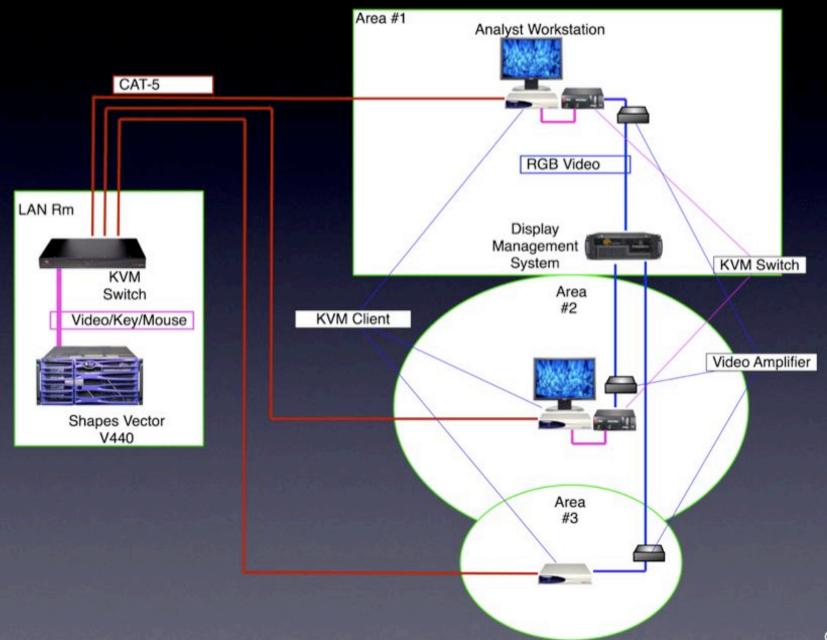




Flow Viewer Visual Language



Test installation



Flow Viewer

Visualization

- Tested using:
 - 100-5000 nodes
 - IM-3M flows
 - IOK-300K flows per hour
- Integrated filtering (rwfilter, SVKA filtering, visual filter)
- Visual ID
- Queries
- Grouping (e.g. domain, netblock, vulnerability)
- Replay-mode or Real-time
- Historic visual context
 - Replay 'on top of' known incident

Flow Viewer data prep

Include

- Incoming & outgoing
- Hub & core-to-core traffic
- Wide port ranges
- Time-span wider than the activity (minutes to hours)
- Suspect IPs and ranges

Filter

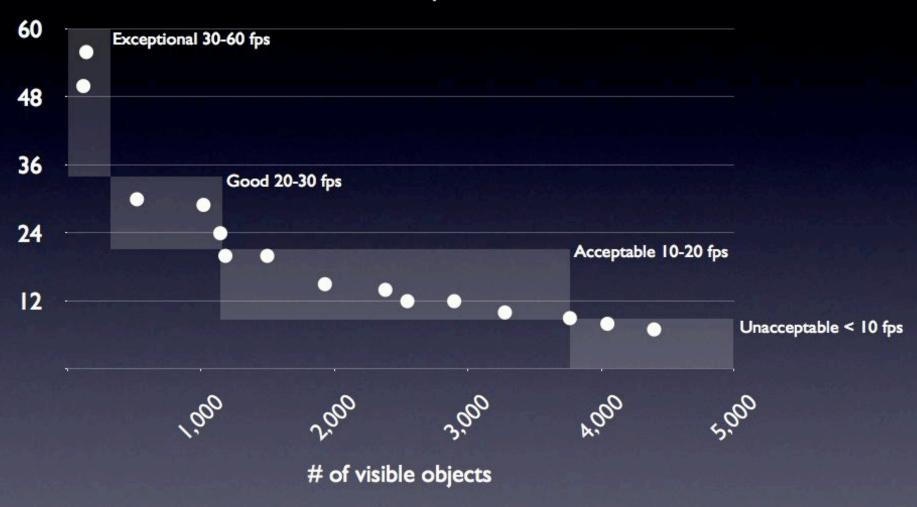
- Superfluous port traffic (e.g. 80, 53, 25)
- IPs that are unrelated to the incident

Sampling & Time

- Dense data
- Smear data across time resolution (~I second)

Flow Viewer Performance

Minimum Frames per Second



**Graphics performance on dual 1.5GHz SPARC SunFire v440 with Sun XVR 1200

Flow Viewer Performance

Real-time Performance	Real-time Records / Hour	Optimal playback rate
Optimal	I0K-30K/hour	IOX Real-time
Acceptable	40K-100K/hour	Real-time
Poor	100K-300K/hour	I/I0 X Real-Time

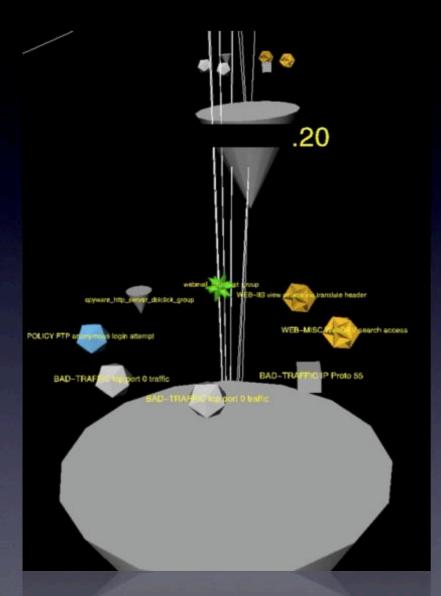
Sparse data sets can be viewed quickly e.g. months of data in minutes

Dense data sets can be viewed slowly or filtered e.g. seconds of data in minutes

Knowledge Depth vs Breadth

What trade-offs are we making?

- Ul Feedback?
 - Haptic vs visual feedback
- Data access?
 - Random sequential access
- Training?
 - Under-learned vs over-learned
 - Tool complexity
- Meaning?
 - Visual semantic vs text
 - Intuitive/Iconic vs cryptic/coded



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Next Generation Tactical Situation Assessment Technology (NG-TSAT)



Objective: Next-generation Tactical Chat. Icon-based situation assessment (SA)language supported by wireless gesture-recognition gloves used in hostile or noisy (silence-mandated) environments

Description of Effort:

- 1.Linguistic Analysis: Analysis of current C² chat logs to determine speech patterns and repetitive SA concepts/themes
- 2. Iconic Language Development: Output of linguistic analysis determines candidate icons representing most prevalent SA "themes;" development of prototype C² iconic SA language
- 3. Wireless, Gesture-Recognition Gloves: Develop wireless gloves that recognize C² icons/gestures which can transmit across network to distributed warfighters (replacing keyboard input when in MOPP)

Benefits of TSAT:

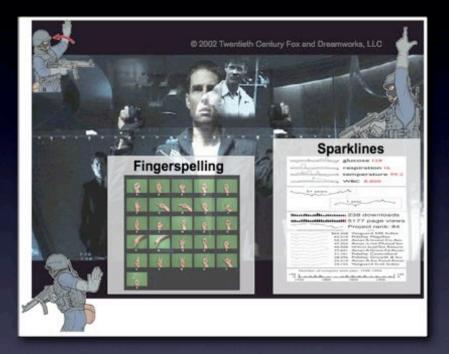
Compressed Chat (25% \(\frac{1}{4} \) content; 50% \(\frac{1}{4} \) reduction in production time) for rapid SA dissemination.

Gesture-recognition in very noisy, distributed ops, or in very austere environments (e.g., the moon)

Challenges:

- 1. No current method or theory for chat-meaning compression; currently done in prose; computer linguistic analysis of unstructured text still neoteric.
- 2. Wireless gesture recognition glove technology still in infant stages of development; focused on commercial animation support, not on disciplined language support

TRL: Chat: TRL 1-2; Gesture-recognition: TRL 1-4



Major Milestones FY06:

Linguistic analysis discovery of common C² SA themes Development of icon/symbols for candidate SA themes Development of proof-of-concept wireless gesture-recognition glove

Period of Performance: 2007-2012

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Synaesthesia

Synaesthesia: "a neurological condition in which two or more senses are coupled."

"loud color" "sharp laugh" "bitter wind"

grapheme color synesthesia - letters or numbers are perceived as inherently colored

How many numbers contain the digit 6?

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Is this easier?

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Emulating Synaesthesia

These methods can be used achieve sequence disambiguation and

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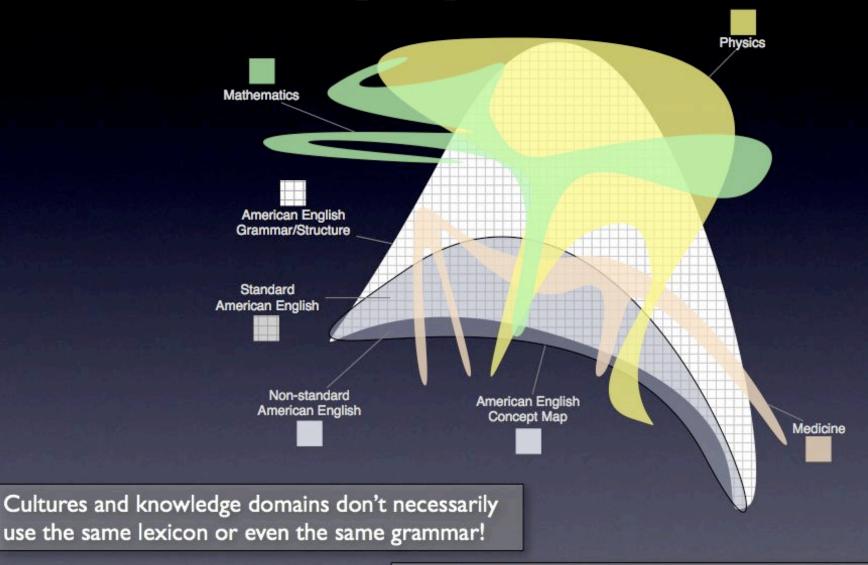
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Language Domains



How does the CND lexicon map to common language? Technical language? Military/tactical language?